

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	<u><b>MINUTES OF INITIAL APPEARANCE,</b></u>
	)	<u><b>ARRAIGNMENT, &amp; DETENTION HEARING</b></u>
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b>Case No. 22-CR-40007-JPG</b>
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<b>MICHAEL E. PIERCE,</b>	)	<b>Date:</b> April 8, 2022
	)	
Defendant.	)	<b>Location:</b> Benton

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**PRESENT: HONORABLE REONA J. DALY, MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

**DEPUTY CLERK:** Jamie Melson

**REPORTER:** Chris LaBuwi

**COUNSEL FOR GOVERNMENT:** Casey Bloodworth, AUSA

**COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT:** Melissa Day, AFD

- [x] Defendant present in open court in custody.
- [x] Counsel for the government and defendant are present as noted above.
- [x] Financial Affidavit filed; counsel requested. Request [x] Granted. [ ] Denied.  
[x] Federal Public Defender appointed. [ ] Panel attorney to be appointed.
- [x] Defendant waives reading of Indictment.
- [x] Defendant arraigned on [x] Indictment [ ] Information.
- [x] Plea: [x] Not Guilty as to Count 1 entered by the Court on defendant's behalf.
- [x] Motion to Detain filed by the Government (Doc. 6). Parties have received and reviewed the pretrial services report. Proffer of evidence through counsel. Arguments heard. The Government's Motion is DENIED.
- [x] Final Pretrial Conference set for **MAY 26, 2022 AT 9:30 A.M.** before **Judge J. Phil Gilbert** in Benton. The defendant's presence is required.
- [x] Jury Trial set for **JUNE 13, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.** before **Judge J. Phil Gilbert** in Benton.
- [x] Personal Recognizance Bond to enter.

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*\*No further notice will be given.*